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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE -- KERRY STATEMENT ON CAMPAIGN

FUNDS REQUESTS

FOLLOWING " IF- ASKED ONLY" GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR DEPARTMENT
SPOKESMAN APRIL 2 (NO QUESTIONS ASKED AT NOON BRIEFING):

Q: WAS AMBASSADOR KERRY REALLY APPROACHED FOR CAMPAIGN
FUNDS DURING THE 1970 CHILEAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
CAMPAIGN?

(ADVISORY: TESTIFYING UNDER OATH BEFORE THE CHURCH SUB-
COMMITTEE ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS DURING ITS
INVESTIGATION OF THE ITT- CHILE MATTER, KERRY DID SAY HE WAS
APPROACHED DIRECTLY FOR FUNDS BY THE " CAMPS" OF ALL THREE
CANDIDATES. END ADVISORY)

SUGGESTED REPLY: I WILL HAVE TO REFER YOU TO THE TRANS-

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SCRIPT OF FORMER AMBASSADOR KERRY'S TESTIMONY.

Q: DID HE REPORT ANY SUCH APPROACHES TO THE DEPARTMENT?

SUGGESTED REPLY: AS YOU KNOW, WE DO NOT DISCUSS THE CONTENTS OF SPECIFIC MESSAGES OR INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Q: HAS THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT PROTESTED TO US ABOUT HIS MAKING THE REMARK?

SUGGESTED REPLY: WE HAVE RECEIVED NO PROTEST FROM THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT NOR, FOR THAT MATTER, FROM THE "Camps" OF THE OTHER TWO CANDIDATES. I SHOULD POINT OUT THAT MR. KERRY LEFT THE GOVERNMENT SEVERAL MONTHS AGO.

Q: ISN'T HIS HAVING MADE THE REMARK LIKELY TO INJURE RELATIONS WITH CHILE?

SUGGESTED REPLY: WE WILL NOT HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE MATTER.

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